

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1 1. (Amended) A method of self-calibrating and testing the vaporized flow of
2 a liquid precursor in a thin film vaporization system comprising the steps of:

3 providing a thin film vaporization system comprising stored liquid precursors in
4 tanks under pressure connected to a deposition chamber via a manifold which in turn is
5 connected to pipe lines emanating from each tank and coupled to own liquid flow
6 meters (LFMs) and injection valves (IVs);

7 activating a servo mechanism to pump down said deposition chamber to achieve
8 partial vacuum therein;

9 opening a downstream throttle valve (TV) for a carrier gas to flow through said
10 manifold to commence self-calibration wherein said carrier gas is a ~~second~~ helium
11 carrier gas;

12 a first timing to monitor a baseline self-calibrated pressure by a pre-determined
13 TV opening which correlates with the specified baseline pressure in said deposition
14 chamber;

15 a second timing to allow for the stabilization of carrier gas after throttling said TV
16 to a predetermined opening;

17 selecting a liquid precursor and its own said respective pipe line with said own
18 LFM and own IV connected to said deposition chamber via said manifold;

19 setting said own IV to a predetermined opening to start said liquid precursor to
20 flow;

21 setting said TV opening to a normal liquid precursor flow rate for film deposition;
22 a third timing to allow for liquid precursor flow to stabilize;
23 a fourth timing to allow vaporization of said liquid precursor in said deposition
24 chamber;
25 measuring final pressure in said deposition chamber;
26 stopping the flow of said precursor fluid; and
27 pumping down said deposition chamber to continue with said film deposition
28 pending the result of said pressure rise.

1 2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said tanks are
2 pressurized by helium gas.

1 3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein said helium gas is
2 pressurized to between about 20 to 30 pounds per square inch gauge (psig).

1 4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said helium gas is
2 kept at room temperature.

1 5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said manifold has
2 heater elements.

1 6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein said heated fixture
2 elements are spaced nominally at 290 mils between about 250 to 350 mils from
3 distribution shower head.

1 7. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein said heated fixture is
2 heated nominally to 400° C between about 350 to 450° C.

1 8. (Canceled)

1 9. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein flow of said ~~second~~
2 helium carrier gas through said manifold is between about 750 to 850 milligrams per
3 minute (mgm).

1 10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said first timing is
2 between about 5 to 15 seconds.

1 11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said baseline self-
2 calibrated pressure is between about 2 to 4 torr.

1 12. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said second timing is
2 between about 4 to 6 seconds.

1 13. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said liquid precursor
2 is tetraethylorthosilicate (TEOS).

1 14. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said liquid precursor
2 is triethylborate (TEB).

1 15. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said liquid precursor
2 is tri-ethylphosphate (TEPO).

1 16. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said injection valve
2 (IV) comprises a venturi tube.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said
2 normal liquid precursor flow rate is between 800 to 1000 milligram per minute (mgm).

1 18. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said third timing to
2 allow for liquid precursor to stabilize is between about 7 to 9 seconds.

1 19. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said fourth timing to
2 allow for liquid precursor vaporized flow to be verified is between about 4 to 6 seconds.

1 20. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said final pressure in
2 said deposition chamber is between about 6.5 and 7.5 torr.

1 21. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said pumping down
2 said deposition chamber is accomplished within between about 9 to 11 seconds.

1 22 – 31. (Canceled)